Belgian Federal Auditing and Evaluation Schemes for Sustainable Development

Auditing what?
The outcome of 3 Learning cycles (or “rounds”) of the Belgian Federal SDS (legal framework 1997-2009,...)

- Belgian Act of 5 May 1997 on the Coordination of Federal Sustainable Development Policy
- Establishing the legal framework of a strategic multi-actor process of reporting, planning, consultation, integration, decision, implementation and monitoring
Belgian Federal SDS Learning Cycle

**First type:**
- Monitoring of SD Policies
  - ICSD

**Second type:**
- Reporting on SDS
  - TFSD
- Planning on SD
  - ICSD

**Third type:**
- Domestic Auditing of SDS
  - Court of Audit
- Consultation on SD Policies
  - FCSD
- Implementation of SD Plan
  - PSSD
- Decision on SD Plan
  - Government

**Integration of Participation results**
- ICSD
Types of domestic reviews - Belgian Federal SDS


1. First Type: Monitoring Reports on SD Policy Implementation made by the Administration

2. Second Type: Full Assessment Reports on SD made by an Independent Institution

3. Third Type: “Domestic External” Audit Reports on SDS by the Court of Audit of Belgium

3 Types of Review which can be used jointly by Governments and Democratic & Participatory Processes
Second type: Use of SDI in Reports on SD

- To assess the existing situation in Belgium
- To assess the current policy on sustainable development
- To quantifying SD scenarios for the future

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Implementation = preparation, decision, realisation, monitoring, evaluation

Follow-up = monitoring by administrations = efficacity of the first type
Conclusion: Many evaluation schemes can be mutually supportive

- A **domestic review** of a strategy made by bodies of the country but not those participating to the strategy

- An **internal review** of a strategy made by bodies of the strategies
  - A **policy review or assessment** made by bodies other than the administration also monitoring the strategy
  - A **policy monitoring** made by the administration

- However, a **full review** of a strategy should not be limited to **policy assessment** but should also cover **trends and priority assessment** of the present based on ISDs as well as **long term SD scenarios of the future**